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**RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT**

Dear Sir:

This communication is filed in response to the office communication mailed May 4, 2006.

**REMARKS**

Applicant has carefully reviewed the office communication mailed May 4, 2006. In that communication, the Examiner indicated that the application contained patentably distinct species. The Examiner required the election of one species group. The Examiner divided the illustrated embodiments into seven (7) distinct species, which were grouped as follows:

- 1 - the species of Figures 2-4;
- 2 - the species of Figures 5-7;